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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FORMIN CORTINA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO FORMIN
CORTINA:

2. BEGIN TEXT: I APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING ME OF NEW
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SAHARAN SITUATION WHICH GIVE RISE TO
YOUR DEEP CONCERN THAT THE PROPOSED QUOTE GREEN MARCH
UNQUOTE MAY DETERIORATE INTO A MILITARY CONFRONTATION.

3. IN VIEW OF YOUR MESSAGE, WE HAVE AGAIN BEEN IN TOUCH
WITH KING HASSAN URGING THAT HE EXERCISE PATIENCE AND
CALM. IN PARTICULAR WE HAVE CONVEYED TO HIM OUR CONCERN
THAT THERE MAY BE MILITARY ELEMENTS AMONG THE MARCHERS.

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4. EARLY LAST WEEK WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY REPORTS OF PROGRESS IN THE BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT THESE CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS MIGHT BE RESUMED EITHER DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE CONCERNED PARTIES OR UNDER UN AUSPICES.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT THE UN EFFORTS, WHICH WERE RECONFIRMED BY TODAY'S ACTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, MIGHT
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PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THESE TALKS MIGHT MOVE AHEAD. WE HAVE ALSO MADE THIS POINT TO KING HASSAN.

6. IN ADDITION, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE HAVE REMINDED THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT OF OUR POLICY ON THE USE OF U.S. SUPPLIED ARMS AND KING HASSAN IS FULLY AWARE OF OUR POSITION IN THIS RESPECT.

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